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1. ALVERSON DEPARTS WARSAW EARLY MORNING JUNE 14 AND WILL THEREFORE NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR TALKS THAT DAY.

2. ACCOUNT GIVEN BY CANADIAN EMBASSY WARSAW DIFFERS IN SEVERAL RESPECTS FROM FACTS AS WE KNOW THEM. IN OUR VIEW THERE HAS BEEN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH GOC ON QUESTION OF EXPANSION OF POLISH FISHERY OFF PACIFIC COAST. THERE HAS BEEN NO QUESTION OF OPPOSITION OF BOTH GOC AND USG TO POLISH PLANS AND BOTH AGREED MONTHS AGO THAT NEITHER WOULD ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH POLAND LOOKING TO AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR PORT PRIVILEGES FOR POLISH FISHING VESSELS ON WEST COAST. ONLY DIVERGENCE HAS COME RECENTLY WITH CANADIAN REQUEST FOR FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO POLES TO ABANDON PLANS AND OBJECTION TO VISIT OF US SCI-
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ENTIST TO POLAND FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS.

MOREOVER WHILE LOS CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN ADVANCED TO POLES IN DISCUSSIONS WE WERE NOT AWARE THAT GOC HAD IMPLIED THAT QUOTE CONSULTATIONS END QUOTE MIGHT TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING LOS CONFERENCE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO RECENT GOC APPROACH WE HAVE TOLD CANADIANS INFORMALLY AND WILL SHORTLY REITERATE OFFICIALLY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL APPROACHES TO USG BY RANKING POLISH OFFICIALS IN BOTH 1973 AND 1974 INFORMING US OF POLISH PLANS TO EXPAND NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY AND SEEKING AGREEMENT TO PORT PRIVILEGES FOR POLISH FISHING VESSELS. US OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PLANS, POINTING OUT PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD ARISE. ON NO OCCASION HOWEVER WAS THERE ANY INDICATION OF POLISH WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE PLANS. WE BELIEVE US OPPOSITION TO POLISH PLANS WAS MADE QUITE CLEAR, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW US REFUSAL TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS LOOKING TO PORT PRIVILEGES AGREEMENT. WE THEREFOR CONSIDERED FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS WOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL AND DECIDED INSTEAD TO SEEK TO ESTABLISH SOME SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL MECHANISM FOR MONITORING POLISH FISHERY. FOR THIS PURPOSE IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT DR. ALVERSON SHOULD USE OCCASION OF PREVIOUSLY PLANNED EUROPEAN VISIT TO ENGAGE IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH POLISH COUNTERPARTS. WE CONSIDER THIS KIND OF CONTACT TO BE SIMPLY A MEANS OF DEVELOPING PLANS TO ACQUIRE STATISTICAL AND OTHER DATA AND PERHAPS TO EXERCISE SOME DEGREE OF INFLUENCE OVER CONDUCT OF FISHERY.

4. ALVERSON WILL NOT DISCUSS MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. MAIN POINTS OF HIS DISCUSSION WILL COVER POLISH FISHING PLANS, STATISTICAL SYSTEMS USED IN NORTH PACIFIC TO DEVELOP INFO FOR STOCK ASSESSMENT, AND GENERAL REVIEW NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. HE WILL ENSURE THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WARSAW DO NOT LEAD TO ANY POLISH MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE US ATTITUDE. FYI IN VIEW NATURE HIS VISIT HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN TALKS WITH MINISTRY OFFICIALS (REF A). DEPT CONCURS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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